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In response to the Office Action mailed on October 7, 1997, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

On page 3, at line 22, delete "closes" and insert therefor - - closest - -.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

~~1 (Fifth Amendment). In combination with a swivel joint forming a~~  
~~passage and having a central axis, the improvement comprising:~~

a hollow tubular male connector having a first end, an annular outer surface and a plurality of outer annular grooves formed on said outer

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